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FOR: HOLLOW NEEDLE HOLDER

THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 16, 2004, the supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed January 3, 2005, and the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed May 13, 2005, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Examiner the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449, including *EP 0 824 890 A1*, *WO 2004/030539* (with English language equivalent *U.S. 2005/0288607 A1*), and *U.S. 2003/0040717 A1*).

These references were cited in an International Search Report of the European Patent Office received on November 17, 2006 in the proceedings of a similar International Patent Application PCT/EP2006/008185 (not yet published) of the Assignee directed to some particulars of the hollow needle holder. That search report also cited *WO 2005/039677* which is the published international application for the above-captioned application.

Also enclosed is an English translation of the international preliminary report on

patentability issued by the International Bureau of WIPO in the parallel international patent proceedings for the above-captioned application. It corresponds to the written opinion submitted in the May 13, 2005 Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the foregoing Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) be incorporated into the official file of the present patent application. Because this IDS is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination, it is believed that no fee is due; however, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

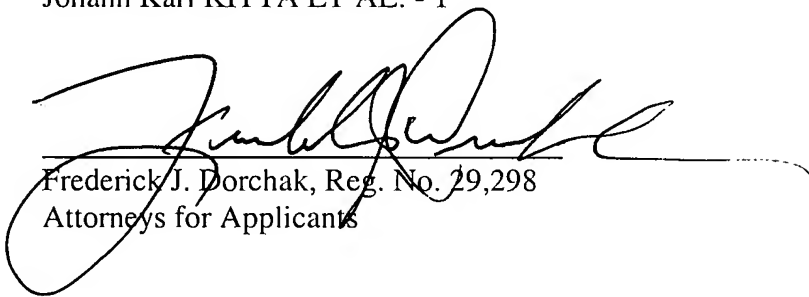
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AA	2005/0288607	12/2005	Konrad (= WO 2004/030539)			
	AB	2003/0040717	2/2003	Saulenas et al.			
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	AL	EP 0 824 890	2/1998	Europe				
	AM	WO 2004/030539	9/2003	International (=US 2005/0288607)				
	AN							
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	AR		International Preliminary Report on Patentability (in English)
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